

**LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS – FREE & REDUCED
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The _____ school serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for _____ and breakfast for _____. Families submitting an approved application can receive meals free or at a reduced price. The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally assisted meal program. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free breakfasts to 7.4 million children each school day throughout the country. The program was established under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to ensure that all children have access to a healthy breakfast at school to promote learning readiness and healthy eating behaviors.

If you now receive food stamps, TAFI, or FDIPIR for your child, your child can receive free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child can receive free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may receive free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is _____ for lunch and _____ for breakfast. If your child has a disability requiring food substitution, please request the form "Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations" from the School Lunch manager for your doctor to complete.

TO RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now receive food stamps, TAFI*, or FDIPIR* for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a food stamp, TAFI, or FDIPIR case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, (such as for clothing, school fees, and allowances; and all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time or regular part-time jobs) and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp, TAFI, or FDIPIR case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number or indicate that the adult does not have a social security number. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box.

INCOME CHART			
Effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009			
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	19,240	1,604	370
2	25,900	2,159	499
3	32,560	2,714	627
4	39,220	3,269	755
5	45,880	3,824	883
6	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	1,267
For each additional member add	+6,660	+555	+129

Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should receive free or reduced price meals.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

*TAFI - Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho. FDIPIR - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Confidentiality: This application could be used for Federal and State initiated education programs along with USDA Child Nutrition Meals.

Reapplication: You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or receive food stamps, TAFI, or FDIPIR for your child, complete an application then.

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We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,